

The San Francisco Eminent

To the Editors of the Richmond Enquirer

Gentlemen:—Below you will find an extract from a recent California letter, which confirms the many independent views expressed by you in reference to the action of the Vigilance Committee. The writer of that letter is a calm, conservative, Old-Line Whig who loves his country and eschews political preference.

Why is it that the voice of such a popular agitator, as an echo, along the far away depths of common opinion, alas! the passions of the people force their letters—like a pack-saddle license and call it liberty.

If the Government of Washington and our Revolutionary fathers does not interpose in our behalf, we are indeed upon the iron-bound coast of anarchy and chaos. But to the extract:

"I mail you some of the newspapers giving some details of the San Francisco emeute. A majority of the California press sustain it, and in making up the package of newspapers, I have only designed to tell you some of the arguments against it, as there will

"The whole thing has its origin in the shooting of James King of William, and whilst they now endeavor to dignify it by the name of 'Revolution,' this simple mode of origin has caused the soundest, ablest, and most loyal men of the country, as a general thing, to set their faces against it. Among other things to be observed in this fearful incendiary and fanatical movement, they have incorporated an anti-Chinese sentiment, as they are pleased to call it, and pray for California, in which a man may sweeter in the luxury of blackguarding another and never fear chastisement."

literally the sentiment of such men is to place covetousness at a premium. The "Bulletin" preaches for us as "Liberty of Speech." Together, they are driv- ing us down with the cry of down with the chivalry, with pistols and bowie knives, and up with the "Bulletin" and the glorious privilege of slandering everything; and everybody "an inch high and a minute old" down with lawyers, politicians, and officials of every grade, from Governor to Squires, and up with the glorious rights of the sovereigns, of freemen, free speech, free soil, and everything else.

"The Vigilance men, after hanging Casey and Corralled off, like a herd of excited animals, in the broader roar of the excited fanaticism of the day. Recent political events have made the ballot-box the object of a great popular fury. So, to the frenzied crowd, the very was purity of the ballot-box," &c. They are calling on every officer in the State to resign, but because they say it is doubtful whether he ever was

"To hear approvers of the Committee talk, you would think that the only mode left for mortals of this sort hereafter to have honest voting, is to have it by force of arms. Such folly as these people saw low here would make your philosophical soul consume you in laughter, were it possible.

* No other remedy is thought of or proposed, to purify the election, but the bayonet and the sword; and I have not heard of the first paper proposing that a "viva voce" vote, to which I have always been accustomed."

* No! They want no peaceful solution of the matter, and if you should present a perfectly practicable one to the Committee, it would be met with a scowling countenance. In twelve months under the Constitution, we could easily have such voting as has always been practised in old Virginia.

"This I pray for, as a check on the Black Republicanism, who have not the nerve to vote 'viva vobis.' I do wish that every writer and editor in the United States would argue for it, as the plain necessity and salvation of California.

"The nomination of Buchanan and Breckinridge has been received enthusiastically here by Democrats and old-line Whigs. The knowing ones here think that Buchanan must carry the State."

A Girl Man-A Curious Case.

One of the most singular instances of disfigurement

regards sex, came to the knowledge of the police yesterday. A young, well dressed, and seemingly modest girl, came to the Fifth ward station house and asked to be sent back to her family in Buffalo as she had no means of support. Capt. Carpentier questioned the seeming girl as to her history, who, after some hesitation, he was informed that a male impersonator was talking to him. He did not believe the story, but sent the confessed young gentleman to the Chief's office, but there the officers were equally incredulous. The seeming girl was of tall and slender

shape, with mild blue eyes, and soft feminine chin and chin, without a sign of beard being visible. The hair was long, and done up behind like a woman's, and even the shoulders and bust were those of a young female. The party was taken from one office to another, but was pronounced a female by all we saw him. There was but one way of settling the matter definitely, and one of the officers made investigations, and certified that the party was a man without any question.

The young gentleman was interrogated as to his history, and he stated that he was a native of Alabama.

and about 19 years of age. His business was that of a seagr maker; but he very often traveled abroad as a woman, as he liked the dress and felt more at home in it than in the male costume. He found his self in the city yesterday without money, and was forced to make his story known in order to get money to take him on to Buffalo, where a portion of his family resided. He gave his name as Charles Curtis. The young gentleman was taken up to Mayor Wood and introduced to him, and to other noteworthy persons in the City Hall, and Curtis was pronounced

all hands a most wonderful counterfeit woman. Officer Masteron was instructed to take him to the Erie Railroad Depot, and procure for him a free pass to the road to Buffalo, if possible; but the railroad people were incredulous as to the sex of Curtis, and would not grant a free pass until they assured themselves of the truth of what the seeming girl said. In the evening Curtis took his departure in the late train, without changing his costume. The official pronounce this the most extraordinary case of its kind they ever had to do with.—*N. Y. Herald.*

CRIMINAL RECKLESSNESS.—The steamship *Arcturion*, sailed from Halifax for Liverpool, on Saturday, with a leak in her bow, through which, says a telegram report, she was making eighteen tons of water an hour! Many of her passengers left her, and she would have left, if they could have got their baggage off. The people of Halifax all regarded her as seaworthy, and in the churches, on Sunday, prayers were offered up for her safety. The officers of ships must have also regarded her as unsafe, for they provided extra boats and life preservers, and

other intimations to the passengers that they did expect to cross the ocean without having to swim their lives, and depend for safety on small boats. If an American steamer had left port in such a condition, the English would have abused us roundly for our folly and recklessness. We are surprised the officers of the Cunard company, who are renowned for prudence, should have suffered the Americans to continue their voyage without fully repairing the damage of so serious a character.

of Italy are fraternizing, under the support of Aus-
— for mutual protection against the interference of
West. "It requires no effort of imagination,"
of the London Morning Star, "to believe such a
ing combination possible, after so many threats from France
and England. Florence, Naples, Rome and Mod-
are the governments supposed to be confederated

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